

5 DAYS THE SEVEN CHURCHES TOUR Izmir to Izmir (Valid Till : 16 Mar – Dec 2019)

Tour Code - BLC1
Highlights - Izmir - Thyatira - Pergamon - Smyrna - Sardis - Philadelphia - Pamukkale - Kusadasi
- Laodicea - Ephesus

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DAY 1 – IZMIR – THYATIRA - PARGAMON

Early Morning arrival and meeting with guide at the Izmir Airport just outside the arrival's gate with a sign bearing your name. Then we continue our visit to **Thyatira**, now called **Akhisar**, another one of the **Seven Churches of Asia** [Rev. 1:11; 2:18 - 24; Acts 16:14]. It was a city famous for purple dyes. We visit the remains of a basilica and some architectural fragments from the Roman period. Lydia, the seller of purple in Philippi, was from Thyatira.

After drive to **Pergamon** arrive and we have a lunch in a local restaurant.

Visit acropolis and Great Theatre, the steepest of the ancient world. Revelation 2:12-16 describes the city as "where Satan's seat is", a reference to the altar of Zeus, where we pause for reflection on the fulfillment of Scripture. The church in Pergamum (2:12-17) existed in the place where Satan had his throne. Visit Red Basilica, Asclepion which is the famous medical center of antiquity. Arrive and overnight at hotel in Izmir. (L.D.)

DAY 2 – SMYRNA – SARDIS – PHILIDELPHIA - PAMUKKALE

After breakfast sight seeing in Izmir. Visit the second city of the seven churches of Book of Revelation to receive the message from the St. John was that of **Smyrna**. Visit **Smyrna Ancient biblical church** (Rev. 1:11;2:8) one of the biblical seven churches. And continue Salihli city (**Sardis**), presently Sart. This was the capital of the ancient Lydian kingdom of the 6th century BC, portrayed as a dying church. We visit the great Temple of Artemis and the Temple of Cybele, which became a Byzantine Church. We will also visit the restored gymnasium and reconstructed Synagogue. Lunch en route. Then we continue our journey to **Philadelphia**, nowadays called **Alasehir**, another church of the Seven Churches of Asia [Rev. 1:11; 3:7], and the only church not censured. There we see the remains of a Byzantine basilica built of brick, with a bit of high arch and some 11th century frescoes. Arrive and overnight at thermal hotel in Pamukkale. (B.L.D.)

DAY 3 – HIERAPOLIS – LAODICEA – APHRODISIAS - KUSADASI

After breakfast start our tour in Pamukkale. In **Hierapolis** [Col. 4:13] we visit the Martyrium of the Apostle Philip where he was martyred during the persecutions ordered by Domitian. We visit the Gate of Domitian, the Arcadian Way, the 2nd century AD Theatre, the Nymphaion, the Temple of Apollo, the Plutonium and the Necropolis. Walking on the white travertines. We take a Lunch in a local restaurant.

We depart for Laodicea (present name Denizli) yet another of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor [Rev. 1:11; 3:14; Col. 2:1; 4:13 - 16]. We see the ancient theatre, the remains of basilica and ancient stone water pipes. Aphrodisias is our next stop. We see the odeon with its extraordinary blue marble stage, the Temple of Aphrodite that marks the site of ancient veneration, Hadrian's Bath and the Bishop's Palace, part of a building christened by the archaeologists.

We departure for Aphrodisias visiting the ancient site of **Aphrodisias** the ancient city of Aphrodisias is one of the most important archaeological sites of the Greek and Roman periods in Turkey. The name of the city is derived from the goddess of love, Aphrodite – called Venus by Romans, who has her famous sanctuary here. Arrive and Overnight in Kusadasi (B.L.D.)

DAY 4 – EPHEBUS – THE HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARRY – ST. JOHN CHURCH

Ephesus is the most important of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. It is thought that the Gospel of John was written here. Visit the famous ancient city of **Ephesus** (Acts 18:19-24; 19:1-35), and its **Terrace Houses**, the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum** and the **Basilica of St. John**. Today we enjoy a visit to the ancient city of Ephesus including the **Basilica of St. John**. The Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians and lived here for three years. This church also received an epistle from him. We tour the spectacular ruins where excavations still continue in this once great and important city, which was founded in the 10th century BC. Walk through history along marble streets lined with wonderful public buildings, among them the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian and the Theatre. The Temple of Diana of the Ephesians, another of the seven wonders of the ancient world, was built in this city.

Lunch at a selected local restaurant. After visit Temple of Artemis is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. We visit the **Basilica of St. John**. See the final abode of the Virgin Mary where she spent her last years. Overnight at hotel in Kusadasi. (B.L.D.)

DAY 5 – THE END OF TOUR – RETURN TO COUNTRY

Kusadasi is one of the most popular touristic resort in Turkey. After breakfast explore Kuşadası in your free time till your flight time from Izmir Airport . You can visit the historical caravanserai, the excellent bazaar, the Pigeon Island Castle.

Our tour concludes and are transferred to the airport for your onward flight to your country. Hope to see you at the another tour.

PRICES

Private Tour Price list (Guaranteed Departures Daily)

(Rate In Euro)

Winter Season Date : 01.11.2019 - 29.12.2019 //						
Rates are based on per person						
Hotels	2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12
	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person
HOTELS 4*	1074 €	800 €	582 €	488 €	445 €	410 €
HOTELS 5*	1127 €	854 €	635 €	545 €	497 €	465 €

Summer Season Date : 16.03.2019 – 31.10.2019 //						
Rates are based on per person						
Hotels	2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12
	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person	Per Person
HOTELS 4*	1110 €	847 €	628 €	534 €	488 €	455 €
HOTELS 5*	1220 €	946 €	727 €	636 €	590 €	556 €

- Child 03 - 06,99 : **120 EURO**

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Prices includes

- Airport Transfer pick-up and drop back to your hotel
- Izmir Airport – Hotel – Izmir Airport Transfer
- All Entrance Fees the sides and museum.
- All tours in the program
- Professional licenced educucatiidional tour guide
- 4 Nights Accommodation at your preferred hotel.
- Transportation Private A.C. Luxurius Car, Van, or Midibus, parking and VAT.
- Breakfast included in the hotel.
- 4 Lunches 4 Dinner 5 Breakfast:
- Transfers Car, Van, or Midibus, parking and VAT.

Tour Excluding

- Personal expences
- Beverages
- Tips to guide, driver and hotel personnel

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